1994 in different States and the details of the PF arrears due against each of these persons/company they owned and amount recovered, if any; and

(b) at what stage are the cases filed against each of these persons?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Increase in ceiling under bonus act

7422. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal regarding increase in the ceiling under Bonus Act;

(b) whether Government have considered the long awaited demand of the public sector labourers regarding dearness allowances etc.;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR):(a) to (d) A proposal enhancing the eligibility an computation ceilings under the Payment of Bonus Act, 1965 is under consideration of the Government.

The Government had already announced its decision to increase the Industrial Dearness Allowance rate from Rs. 1.65 to Rs. 2.00 per point rise in the All India Consumer Price Index beyond 800 points, with effect from 1-1-1989. A proposal for introducing slab system of Dearness Allowance to employees of the Central Public Sector Enterprises is under consideration.

Conditions of Power loom workers in the country

7423. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the pitiful conditions of Power-loom workers throughout the country; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to mitigate their grievances?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE) (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Productivity of Indian Labourers

7424 SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that productivity of Indian labourers is low as compared to labourers in other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have drawn any concrete plan to raise the productivity of Indian labourers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR):(a)

and (b) Labour productivity has been defined as the net value added per employee per year. No comparative study of Labour produtivity is available in the developing countries of the world. Based on a study carried out by the Asian Productivity Organisation (Tokyo) the National Productivity Council has tabulated the Labour productivity ratios (GDP per person at 1985 US Dollar) in different Asian Countries during 1988 to 1990 as follows:

Country	GDP per person at 1985 US Dollar		
	1988	1989	1990
Bangladesh	551	553	576
India	797	824	848
Japan	26427	27639	28875
Republic of Korea	8229	8481	8957
Pakistan	1222	1242	1271
Phillippines	2088	2107	2064
Sri Lanka	1144	1150	1201
Thailand	1571	1710	1826

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Labour is formulating a new Industrial Relations law with the objective of increasing productivity, generating employment growth and establishing harmonious industrial relations. Some of the other measures for productivity improvement are—

—encouraging workers' participation in management.

—ensuring workers safety and health.

—Promoting harmonious industrial relations.

—enunciating a Wage Policy linked to productivity, etc.

Employed persons in the country

7425. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of employed persons in the country;

(b) how many of them are engaged in Government jobs, Government under takings, semi-Government undertakings public sector undertakings etc.;

(c) how many people are engaged in private enterprises; and

(d) what is the average highest and lowest salary drawn by Government employee and private employee ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Employment at the beginning of the Eighth Plan a was estimated to be around 302 million.

(b) and (c) According to the employment data collected under the Employment Market Information (E.M.I.) Programme, the employment